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Box: Patent Application

Re: U.S. Non-Provisional Utility Patent Application
(Continuation of U.S. Patent Appl. No. 09/474,127; Filed: December 29, 1999)
Application No.: To Be Assigned: Filed: Herewith
For: **Axle Driving Apparatus**
Inventors: OKADA *et al.*
Our Ref: 0666.023000O

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. PTO Fee Transmittal (Form PTO/SB17) (*in duplicate*);
2. USPTO Utility Patent Application Transmittal Form PTO/SB/05 (*in duplicate*);
3. U.S. Utility Patent Application entitled:

Axle Driving Apparatus

and naming as inventors:

Hideaki OKADA
Shusuke NEMOTO

the application comprising:

- a. specification containing:

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- i. 17 pages of description prior to the claims;
- ii. 3 pages of claims (1-6);
- iii. A one (1) page abstract;
- b. 14 sheets of drawings: (Figures 1-16);
- c. A copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney,
as originally filed in U.S. Appl. No. 07/304,581;
4. A Preliminary Amendment;
5. 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) Authorization to Treat a Reply As Incorporating
An Extension of Time (*in duplicate*);
6. Two (2) return postcards; and
7. Our Check No. 29567 for \$1,360.00 to cover:

\$710.00 - Application Filing Fee;
\$650.00 - Excess Claims Fee.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures

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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR § 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No.	0666.0230000
First Inventor	Hideaki OKADA
Title	Axle Driving Apparatus
Express Mail Label No.	

APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

ADDRESS TO:

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1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)

2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.

3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 21]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
- Descriptive title of the Invention
- Cross Reference to Related Applications
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
- Reference to sequence listing, a table,
or a computer program listing appendix
- Background of the Invention
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
- Detailed Description
- Claim(s)
- Abstract of the Disclosure

4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 14]

5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 4]

a. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy)

b. ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 17 completed)

i. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)
named in the prior application, see 37 CFR §§
1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76.

7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program
(Appendix)

8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
(if applicable, all necessary)

a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)

b. Specification Sequence Listing on:

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ii. ☐ paper

c. ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies

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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))

10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of Attorney
(when there is an assignee)

11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)

12. ☐ Information Disclosure
Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS
Citations

13. ☒ Preliminary Amendment

14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
(Should be specifically itemized)

15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
(if foreign priority is claimed)

16. ☐ Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must
attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.

17. ☒ Other: Authorization under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3)

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☒ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-Part (CIP) of prior application No: 09/474,127

Prior application information: Examiner D. Depumpo

Group/Art Unit: 3682

For CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is
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Examiner Name	To Be Assigned
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Attorney Docket No.	0666.0230000

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01	710	201	355	Utility filing fee	\$710.00
06	320	206	160	Design filing fee	
07	490	207	245	Plant filing fee	
08	710	208	355	Reissue filing fee	
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Multiple Dependent		=	

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103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	80	202	40	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	270	204	135	Multiple dependent claim
108	80	209	40	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	
116	390	216	195	Extension for reply within second month	
117	890	217	445	Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,390	218	695	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,890	228	945	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	310	219	155	Notice of Appeal	
120	310	220	155	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	270	221	135	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,240	241	620	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,240	242	620	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	440	243	220	Design issue fee	
144	600	244	300	Plant issue fee	
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126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
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146	710	246	355	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
149	710	249	355	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
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